

You Don't Mess Around With Jim
Jim Croce

E
Uptown got it s hustlers

The bowery got it s bums

42nd Street got Big Jim Walker
E7
He s a pool-shootin son of a gun
A7
Yeah, he big and dumb as a man can come

But he stronger than a country hoss
B7 **A7**
And when the bad folks all get together at night
B7 **E**
You know they all call big Jim Boss , just because

And they say
A7 **E7**
You don t tug on Superman s cape
A7 **E7**
You don t spit into the wind
A7
You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger
B7 **E**
And you don t mess around with Jim
B7
Do da do da da di di de de de di

E
Well outta south Alabama came a country boy

He say I m lookin for a man named Jim

I am a pool-shootin boy

My name Willie McCoy
E7
But down home they call me Slim
A7
Yeah I m lookin for the king of 42nd Street

He drivin a drop top Cadillac
B7
Last week he took all my money
A7
And it may sound funny

B7

E

But I come to get my money back

And everybody say Jack don t you know

A7

E7

And you don t tug on Superman s cape

A7

E7

You don t spit into the wind

A7

You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger

B7

E

And you don t mess around with Jim

B7

Do da do da da di di de de de di

E

Well a hush fell over the pool room

Jimmy come boppin in off the street

And when the cuttin were done

The only part that wasn t bloody

E7

Was the soles of the big man s feet

A7

Yeah he were cut in in bout a hundred places

And he were shot in a couple more

B7

And you better believe

A7

They sung a different kind of story

B7

E

When big Jim hit the floor now they say

A7

E7

You don t tug on Superman s cape

A7

E7

You don t spit into the wind

A7

You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger

B7

E

And you don t mess around with Slim

B7

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Yeah, big Jim got his hat

Find out where it s at

And it s not hustlin people strange to you

Even if you do got a two-piece custom-made pool cue

A7

E7

Yeah you don t tug on Superman s cape

A7

E7

You don t spit into the wind

A7

You don t pull the mask off the old Lone Ranger

B7

E

And you don t mess around with Slim